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SUBJ: CHIREP ISSUE AT IMF/IBRD MANILA MEETING

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1. DURING PRE-UNGA CONSULTATIONS WITH DFA'S ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR IO VERCELES (SEPTTEL) EMBOFFS RAISED CHINA REPRESENTATION AT IMF/IBRD MEETING. VERCELES DID NOT SEEM TO BE AS WELL INFORMED AS CENTRAL BANK DEPUTY GOVERNOR LEGARDA (REFTEL A) BUT SAID HE HAD RAISED THIS QUESTION IN IMF/IBRD STEERING COMMITTEE CHAIRED BY FINANCE SECRETARY VIRATA SEPT. 9. VERCELES HAD NOTED THAT PRC HAD PROTESTED ORALLY INCLUSION OF ROC DELEGATE IN CONFERENCE ON HUMAN SURVIVAL. VERCELES SAID HE WAS SURE SAME PROBLEM WOULD ARISE AT IMF MEETING. VIRATA TOLD VERCELES HE WOULD DISCUSS MATTER WITH ROMULO BUT VERCELES WAS NOT CERTAIN WHETHER THE TWO CABINET MEMBERS HAD DISCUSSED IT PRIOR TO ROMULO'S DEPARTURE FOR TOKYO AND NEW YORK. VERCELES SAID VIRATA WAS AGAINST THE "MONTREAL FORMULA" AND ALSO AGAINST GOP EMBROILING ITSELF IN CONTROVERSY. IF MATTER DOES ARISE  
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(VERCELES WAS UNCLEAR ON THE MECHANICS OF HOW IT WOULD

ARISE), GOP POSITION WILL BE THAT THIS IS A MATTER FOR IMF/IBRD WHICH IS ISSUING INVITATIONS TO MEETING TO DECIDE AND THAT GOP AS HOST FOR CONFERENCE HAS NO RESPONSIBILITY TO DECIDE ON PARTICIPANTS.

2. ACCORDING TO VERCELES, PRC HAS NOT FORMALLY PROTESTED ROC PARTICIPATION IN IMF MEETING ALTHOUGH HE FEELS THAT IT IS ONLY NATURAL PRC WILL DO SO. VERCELES SAID THAT PROTOCOL CHIEF AMBASSADOR RAFAEL GONZALEZ (FORMER DCM IN PEKING AND PROTEGE OF MRS. MARCOS) HAS BEEN DESIGNATED AS COORDINATOR OF CHINESE AFFAIRS IN DFA MUCH TO IRRITATION OF DFA'S POLITICAL SECTION. VERCELES BELIEVES PRC AMBASSADOR MIGHT HAVE RAISED MATTER ORALLY WITH GONZALEZ. HE WAS NOT AWARE OF OR AT LEAST DID NOT MENTION, PRC NOTE CITED BY LEGARDA (PARA 3 REFTEL A).

3. ROC'S DE FACTO AMBASSADOR LIU TSUNG-HAN TOLD EMBOFF SEPT. 13 THAT HIS OFFICE HAS NO DIRECT KNOWLEDGE OF PRC CAMPAIGN TO EXCLUDE TWENTY-MAN ROC DELEGATION, BUT "STRONGLY SUSPECTS" THAT SUCH AN EFFORT IS UNDERWAY. LIU IS SOMEWHAT REASSURED BY FACT THAT ALL VISA REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN WAIVED FOR IMF DELEGATES, THEREBY ELIMINATING ONE POTENTIAL MEANS OF OBSTRUCTION. ON BALANCE LIU FEELS REASONABLY CONFIDENT THAT THERE IS NO WAY THAT GOP CAN YIELD TO PRC PRESSURE WITHOUT PAYING UNACCEPTABLE PRICE BY SERIOUSLY DISRUPTING CONFERENCE.

4. COMMENT: SECRETARY VIRATA AND PRESIDENT MARCOS ARE CLEARLY ANXIOUS TO AVOID CHIREP ISSUE AND ARE HOPING IT WILL NOT ARISE. IF QUESTION DOES COME UP, HOWEVER, IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER ANTICIPATED GOP TACTIC OF LEAVING MATTER UP TO IMF ITSELF WILL PROVE SUCCESSFUL.  
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